

# REPLY TO AMERICAN NOTE WILL BE SENT THIS WEEK

Outline Sent to France, Which Is Also Greatly Interested in Contraband Question.

## ITALY HAS UNDERSTANDING

Loosening of Regulations Applying to American Cargoes Will Depend on Assurances of Neutral Countries About War Munitions.

LONDON, January 4. (7:45 P. M.)—The British government's reply to the American note concerning contraband probably will be sent before the end of this week. An outline of the reply has been submitted to the cabinet, which is greatly interested because of the activity of French ships in searching Mediterranean cargoes.

A statement probably will be issued shortly showing that Italy has arrived at an understanding with England and the other allies concerning contraband, satisfactory to all the countries affected.

It can be stated authoritatively that only five cargoes destined for Italy have been stopped at Gibraltar since November 15. Two of these were released within three days, and the others as an understanding with England could be removed. Since December 3 no cargoes destined for Italy have been intercepted by the allies.

Tubber cargoes destined for American ports in England, however, probably will be released soon or purchased by Great Britain, which needs much rubber for the manufacture of tires, bed blankets and boots.

Constant negotiations are in progress between the allies and the neutral European countries situated near Germany looking to a tightening of the export regulations, which will prevent American shipments from reaching Germany and Austria, through neighboring countries other than Italy.

A loosening of the regulations applying to American cargoes, it is said by British officials, will depend largely on the assurances received from neutral countries that they will not assist in supplying Germany, Austria and Turkey with munitions of war.

## BRITISH REPLY WILL BE OF FRIENDLY CHARACTER

WASHINGTON, January 4.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, called at the State Department today for the first time since the United States sent its protest on shipping to Great Britain. He conferred with Secretary Robert Lansing.

Though he has received no instructions concerning the answer to be made to the American note, the British ambassador indicated it would be of a most friendly character. It is understood that Sir Cecil regards the American note as a friendly protest.

That Sir Edward Grey in his talks with Ambassador Page similarly showed that England received the American note in a most amicable spirit and in-

## OBITUARY

**Richard L. Gray.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WINCHESTER, Va., January 4.—Richard L. Gray, eighty-three years old, clerk of the Corporation Court of Winchester, died at his home in Winchester, Va., at 10:30 p. m. today.

Mr. Gray was born in Winchester, Va., and was a member of the Methodist Church and Odd Fellows circles. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Mary Gray, and one daughter, Miss Mary Gray, who lives at home.

**John Jones.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WINCHESTER, Va., January 4.—The remains of John Jones were brought here from his home at Peaksville and buried with Odd Fellows rites, conducted by the Peaksville Lodge, at Oakwood Cemetery, today.

Mr. Jones, who was a prominent citizen of the county, has been in bad health for some time. He was fifty-five years of age.

**Thomas Sumner Braxton.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., January 4.—The body of Thomas Sumner Braxton, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Braxton, of Newport News, was brought here and buried in the family lot in the City Cemetery today.

Mr. Braxton was a native of Virginia and was a member of the Methodist Church. He was fifty-five years of age.

**Madison L. Grubbs.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WINCHESTER, Va., January 4.—Anxious from a sound slumber last night by a fire alarm, Madison L. Grubbs, seventy-six, was seized with heart attack and died within five minutes. He was a native of Clarke County. He served under "Stonewall" Jackson in the Confederate army, and after the Civil War, with United States troops in Indian campaigns, carrying several severe wounds and many scars to the grave.

**Mrs. Annie Wisman Wright.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WINCHESTER, Va., January 4.—Mrs. Annie Wisman Wright, sixty-three years old, wife of George Wright, a prominent farmer, suffered an attack of heart disease while entering the Southern Methodist Church at Mount Pleasant on Sunday night, and expired a few moments later in the church. She was a native of Shenandoah County, and leaves large family connections.

**Miss Rebecca Janney Tavenner.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WINCHESTER, Va., January 4.—Miss Rebecca Janney Tavenner, eighty years old, member of one of the oldest families of Shenandoah Valley, died unexpectedly today. Only yesterday she wrote letters to relatives and friends.

## DEATHS

**DREWRY.**—Died, at the home of his sister, Mrs. F. H. Frost, 2524 West Main Street, at 9:30 o'clock last night, R. H. DREWRY. He is survived by four brothers and three sisters—Jesse DREWRY, Arthur W. DREWRY, F. H. Frost, Mrs. F. E. West and Mrs. W. A. Wallace.

## HEADACHES

Thousands of men and women suffer from headaches every day, other thousands have headaches every week or month, and still others have headaches occasionally, but not at regular intervals. The best doctor is often unable to find the cause of many of these headaches, and in most other cases, knowing the cause, he does not know what will remove it, so as to give the patient a permanent cure. The only reliable relief, however, is to be had from the use of the small, painless, and effective, Anti-K Tablets, and the results will be satisfactory in the highest degree. You can obtain them at all drug stores in any quantity, 25c worth or more. Ask for A-K Tablets.

## SICK-HEADACHES

Sick-headache, the most miserable of all ailments, is often the forerunner of a severe attack. When you feel an attack coming on, take two tablets, and in many cases, the attack will be waived off. During an attack take one A-K Tablet every two hours. The rest and comfort which follow, can be obtained in no other way. Genuine A-K Tablets bear the A-K monogram. At all drug stores.

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Tribune, photographer was in the very thick of the fighting when he took these pictures, there isn't a bayonet in the world that can carry far enough to hurt one of the combatants.

In a few of the pictures, a man or two may be seen to topple over and lie still. As the pictures are shown under the name of a highly reputable newspaper, it may be taken for granted that the men were actually shot, but it would be the simplest thing imaginable to fake scenes precisely similar. True, the Belgian artillery and infantry are both shown in action, but they might as well be shooting at the boundless horizon for all the spectator knows. In short, those who witness the battle scenes shown in this series of pictures must exercise their imagination in order to pierce them as anything other than spirited field manoeuvres.

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